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361 The aldeament on the Paranatinga was smaller than the
622 one on the Rio Novo. Moreover, the order of the community
578 seemed seriously disturbed. Old Captain Caetano, probably near
[197] his eighties, despite his black hair, /120/ had been divested of his sovereignty in favor of a younger man, Felipe, at the instigation of the Martyrios expedition, which, with the help of the Bakaïrí, had crossed the Paranatinga and passed through a section of the sertão /wilderness; see the glossary, p. 172/ in a northerly direction. The Bakaïrí, of course, felt more obligated to obey Captain Caetano than Captain Felipe, and the result was that each one made himself as independent as possible and worked on his own.
164 Moreover, the tribe had been hard hit about eight years before by sarampão /measles/, an epidemic disease; the Brazilians put part of the blame for the number of deaths on the Indians because, in the heat of the fever, they had always run into the river.

162 At the time of our visit the Bakaïrí population was made up
621 of five men, five women, three children -- not present were five men, three women, one boy, whose return was, in part, no longer expected. Moreover, there were two Parecí women, one of whom was numbered among those not present, and two Cajibí[1] women, who had been adopted into the tribe. Finally, two Brazilians, caoutchouc-seekers, who had recovered from the fever in the village, had attached themselves, a mulatto Luis and a certain Martin who had a Paraguayan, Carlotta, as a wife, with a small son. Altogether there were 20 individuals present.

115 Luis, who had lived an adventurous life, a "philosopho," as he called himself, a "conversador," as his friend Daniel called him, was intimately acquainted with conditions; he
[191] chattered endlessly and was probably not altogether reliable, but he made himself useful, since the Portuguese of Caetano, who best knew the language, consisted of an extremely modest stock by words; "esse mêmo" -- "stimmt auffallend" /that's it exactly/ in German -- was the quintessence of his knowledge, so that the
144 soldiers soon called him nothing but "Capitão Mêmo." Luis maintained that Caetano was the son of a Bakaïrí father and

[1] [Cajibí = Cayabí, a Tribe classified under SP2 Apiaca in The Outline of World Cultures -- Analyst]

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144 mother, but that among his forefathers, as among Reginaldo's, mixture with "Brazilian" blood had taken place. This, however, seemed to be more a conclusion based on the wavy, soft hair of the two, rather than on definite knowledge. In any case, it was noteworthy that Luis declared the two brothers João and Antonio to be the purest Bakaïrí; to me, too, they had seemed the most typical physiognomies and most resembled the Rio Novo character. Since Antonio is the one who was induced to accompany us 126 [142] and could thus be photographed in Rio, I may call attention to his picture as the most faithful reproduction of a true Bakaïrí. [732] Unfortunately the handsome youth had a slightly shortened leg as the result of a fracture, so I contented myself with a bust portrait. The defect was not very pronounced, by the way, and /121/ /illustration appears here/ /122/ the awkwardness that Antonio, strength and agility themselves, presents in full figure amidst the group of Kameraden /see the glossary, p. 171 / (page 28) is largely due to the anxious moment in front of the photographer's apparatus.

Wilhelm made all the other portraits with the camera clara.

162 Carlotta was a Parecí brought back from Diamantino and the wife of the absent Captain Felipe; her small eyes and the root of her nose, which was flat from eyebrow level to the inner corner of the eye, distinguished her strikingly from the Bakaïrí [648] women. The two Cajibí -- a tribe that lives on the lower Rio Verde, a left tributary of the Paranatinga -- had been caught in the forest as children. /Illustration appears here./ The two [582] young and pretty creatures were given as wives to the two oldest matrimonial cripples of the tribe, Caetano and Miguel, for the immoral reason that the youngest, as the best workers, belong to the mightier ones. Delicate skin, fine little nose under the likewise flat root, eye slits narrowed and drawn up toward the outside, in connection with which, however, the sharply folded upper lid did not overlap, they reminded one of the Japanese type, especially Caetano's not very feminine little wife.

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000 101 Brazilian Government. The information presented here was obtained at Simão Lopes from the Bacairí who lived on the Rio Kuliseu and relates to the life that they lived there about 40 years ago.

[192] Linguistically the Bacairí belong to the Carib-speaking family and appear to be closely related culturally to the other Carib-speaking tribes in 142 the Upper Xingú Basin. The Bacairí are short in stature, broad-shouldered and well-built. The head is broad, the nose straight or acquiline, the face narrow, the lips fairly thin. In physical [144] appearance the Bacairí remind one of the Arawak-speaking Paressí, but contrast sharply with the large-framed, coarse-featured Bororo, Umotina, and Guató living in the headwaters of the Paraguay River to the south.

175 131 The Bacairí Indians are first mentioned by Gonçalves da Fonseca in his account of his travels to the Madeira region in 1749. In the atlas of Thomas Jeffry, 1776, the "Bacahyris" are located on the Rio Paranatinga. Ayres de Casal, in 1817, refers to the "Baccahyris" as living in the region around the Rio das Mortes. Martins places them 175 177 in the headwaters of the Xingú. From 1820 on, more or less permanent contact has been maintained with the Bacairí living on the Rio Novo and Rio Paranatinga. In 1820 a P. Lopez led an expedition in search for gold into the area and [792] with him came priests who began to convert the Bacairí to Christianity. With these contacts came disease and conflicts (Von den Steinen, 1942, p. 123).

175 101 131 361 The first scientific account of the Bacairí dates from the voyage of Von den Steinen down the Xingú River in 1884. Traveling over land from Cuiabá, he and his party reached the Christianized Bacairí living in the villages of Rio Novo and Paranatinga with whose help he continued his voyage down the Batoví River where he was the first to make contact with the four pagan villages of the Bacairí located between latitudes 13°30′ and 12°30′ S.

175 162 The following table gives size and number of inhabitants of the villages visited by Von den Steinen (1942, appendix, table 8, p. 418):